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Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 – 3 are under consideration. Applicants have amended claim 1 to now recite “a DNA segment consisting of a nucleotide sequence.” Basis for these new claims can be found in the Specification as originally filed, and specifically in original claim 1.

The present amendments add no new matter.

THE §102(B) REJECTION

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Chassin *et al.*.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to now recite “a DNA segment consisting of a nucleotide sequence.” In light of the present amendment, Applicants believe that the present rejection is now moot. Consequently, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the present rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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